IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK EXAMINER

In re Application of:)
ZHANG et al.) CONFIRMATION NO.: 9082
Application No.: 10/779,638) Group Art Unit: 1656)
Filed: February 18, 2004) Examiner: Hope A. Robinson
For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR HEALING AND REPAIRING OF ARTICULAR CARTILAGE	<pre></pre>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action dated June 14, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper at page 2.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper at page 5.